

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1089

By Fowler

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Chase Johnson for his exemplary service to the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee and its chair, Senator David Fowler.

WHEREAS, Chase Johnson first arrived on Capitol Hill in 2004, as an intern for Senator Ben Atchley, esteemed leader of the Senate Republican Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson ably worked on the successful 2004 Senate Campaign of then Representative Diane Black, thereby contributing substantially to the first elected Republican Majority in the Tennessee Senate in over 165 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's excellent work for Senators Atchley and Black earned him employment with the Senate Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's reputation as a diligent worker and a faithful employee and his Christian ethic made him an easy choice for Senator Fowler to fill the position of Research Analyst for the Senate Committee on Environment, Conservation, and Tourism for the 2006 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson took to his new responsibilities with eagerness and a conscientiousness consistent with his fine reputation; and

WHEREAS, he quickly became an excellent analyst and was always prepared for and on top of the committee's calendar, making Senator Fowler's tenure as chair more successful than it otherwise would have been; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson's sharp mind and quick thinking were instrumental in preserving for Senator Fowler's intern, Clay Francis, the pleasure of meeting Gilbert Gnarley near the end of the 2006 Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson has fulfilled his full-time responsibilities to the Senate while also serving as Pastor to a local church; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this Body should pause to recognize those loyal legislative employees who, in the finest tradition of public service, have worked long and hard, not for personal gain or glory, but rather for the satisfaction of knowing they have helped make Tennessee an even better place to live; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Chase Johnson for his many contributions to good government in Tennessee as Research Analyst for the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee and its chair, Senator David Fowler.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend Mr. Johnson upon a job well done and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.